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BEFORE THE  
  
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF WISCONSIN

Advance Plans for Construction of Facilities as Filed With the  
Commission for Review and Approval Pursuant to Sec. 196.491, Stats.

05-EP-8

**NOTICE OF SCOPING AND TECHNICAL INFORMATION MEETINGS**

<b>Scoping Meeting</b>	<b>February 17, 1998, 10:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Public Service Commission Amnicon Falls Hearing Room 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, WI</b>
<b>Technical Information Meeting</b>	<b>March 5, 1998, 10:00 a.m.</b>
<b>Location:</b>	<b>Public Service Commission Amnicon Falls Hearing Room 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, WI</b>

The Phase II filing for generation plans has been received and copies have been mailed to the persons and agencies required by the statutes as well as to individuals who requested a copy. If anyone has not received a copy, would like more copies, or knows of others who would like a copy, please contact Nancy Korda, Case Coordinator, at (608) 267-3599.

Attached is a copy of a draft schedule for Phase II. It is difficult to indicate exact dates for events as far away as the hearings, but this draft schedule does propose dates for earlier events.

**Scoping**

The first step in Phase II is to hold a scoping meeting. The purpose of this meeting, as in previous dockets, will be to develop a list of the issues that parties are interested in having included in Phase II.

**NOTICE IS GIVEN** that a scoping meeting will be held on February 17, 1998, at 10:00 a.m., in the Amnicon Falls Hearing Room at the Public Service Commission Building, 610 North Whitney

Way, Madison, Wisconsin, for the purposes stated previously in this notice. This building is accessible to people in wheelchairs through the Whitney Way first floor (lobby) entrance. Parking for people with disabilities is available on the south side of the building. Any person with a disability who needs additional accommodations should contact Richard Teslaw at (608) 267-9766.

Pursuant to s. 196.491(2)(f), Stats., the Commission will prepare a single environmental assessment covering all the Phase I and Phase II filings. Persons interested in receiving a copy of the assessment should contact Nancy Korda at (608) 267-3599. Environmental effects of proposed facility sites in Phase II will not be specified in the same degree of detail that is required for a Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity. Persons wishing to comment on the environmental aspects of the Advance Plan should send comments to Kathy Zuelsdorff, Electric Division, P.O. Box 7854, Madison, Wisconsin 53707-7854, or call (608) 266-2730.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that this matter is considered to be a Class 1 proceeding as defined in s. 227.01(3)(a), Stats.

If you will be unable to attend this meeting, a list of issues may be submitted to Nancy Korda of the Commission staff, by 12:00 noon on February 13, 1998 (if filing by mail or in person), or 12:00 noon on February 12, 1998, if filing by fax.

The purpose of the scoping meeting is to discuss the proposed issues and agree on a draft issue list to be submitted to the Commission. The proposed issue list will be included in a memo to the Commission and placed on the Commission agenda for approval. If there is disagreement among the parties at the scoping meeting, there will be a 10-day comment period on the memo and comments received will be attached to the memo for the Commissioners' information before the day of the decision.

A deadline for intervenor compensation requests will be set at the scoping meeting.

### **Incumbent Network Load (INL)**

Treatment of INL is an approved issue in this case. The issue arose when the utilities filed their Advance Plan 8 Phase I forecast information. Several investor-owned utilities identified various levels of customer load for which they have previously planned but, for various reasons, do not want to continue to plan. The Commission is required by law to make sure all customer needs are met. On November 25, 1997, the Commission directed staff to gather data on the subject and hold a technical information meeting to allow discussion among the parties on how best to plan for INL.

The purpose of the technical meeting is to refine the issue of INL. Information will be exchanged on the positions, perspectives, and proposed approaches of the parties and interested

individuals. Emphasis will be placed on identifying specific issues where significant controversies or differences of opinion exist. The meeting is not intended to be a forum to convince others to adopt a different position but, rather, to understand the positions themselves. Refinement of issues should help determine the areas that need to be addressed in the hearings.

**NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN** that a technical information meeting will be held on March 5, 1998, at 10:00 a.m., in the Amnicon Falls Hearing Room at the Public Service Commission Building, 610 North Whitney Way, Madison, Wisconsin, for the purposes stated previously in this notice. This building is accessible to people in wheelchairs through the Whitney Way first floor (lobby) entrance. Parking for people with disabilities is available on the south side of the building. Any person with a disability who needs additional accommodations should contact Richard Teslaw at (608) 267-9766.

Commission staff prepared a data request on INL dated November 26, 1997, that required response by December 30, 1997. Commission staff has compiled the data received to date and will mail copies to interested parties. Anyone who notifies Commission staff of an intent to attend the technical information meeting will automatically receive a copy of the compilation. If more meetings are necessary, they will be scheduled at the end of the first meeting and all parties will be notified of future meeting dates.

Parties who wish to participate in this technical information meeting should contact Nancy Korda. She can be reached at P.O. Box 7854, Madison, WI 53707-7854; telephone (608) 267-3599; or e-mail at [kordan@psc.state.wi.us](mailto:kordan@psc.state.wi.us).

If there are any questions regarding either the scoping meeting or the technical information meeting scheduled in this notice, please contact Nancy Korda.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, \_\_\_\_\_

For the Commission.

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Administrator  
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**PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION  
DRAFT SCHEDULE  
Docket 05-EP-8 Phase II**

(All the following dates are projected based on a January 15/February 16, 1998, filing)

1. PSC staff sends out the incumbent network load (INL) data request ordered by Commission. Replies due end of December. (**mailed November 26, 1997**)
2. The Commission receives the utilities' file Phase II filings as ordered on **January 15, 1998** (the Commission allowed a delay of the transmission plans until **February 16, 1997** and transmission maps until **March 16**).
3. Utilities mail copies of the *generation* filing to the required entities including the libraries and affected public (within 10 days of the filing—Commission staff provides the labels).
4. PSC staff compiles data received from INL data request and mails notice of a technical information meeting and a scoping meeting. At the scoping meeting, due-dates for IC requests will be set.
5. The Commission staff holds a scoping meeting for Phase II hearings (treatment of INL is an approved issue already). (scheduled for **February 17, 1998**)
6. Commission staff prepares Commission memo for scope.
7. Commission staff holds a technical information meeting on the treatment of INL load (as ordered by the Commission in open meeting discussion November 25, 1997). (scheduled for **March 5, 1998**).
8. The Commission decides on scope of Phase II.
9. Intervenors submit IC requests.
10. Commission decides on IC requests.
11. Utilities mail copies of transmission filing? Commission staff provides labels (**February and March**).
12. Commission staff writes an environmental assessment of the plans, as required by s. 196.491(2)(f), Stats. (**completion late March or early April**).

- 13.* Commission sends notice of prehearing, including results of scoping meeting and Commission decisions on scope.
- 14.* Commission holds a prehearing conference to disseminate the issue list approved by the Commission and set the hearing schedule and locations, including the hearings designed for the public.
- 15.* Commission sends a Notice of Hearing for all hearings.
- 16.* Commission holds hearings designed for the public (no less than 30 days after publication of the assessment, probably **early May**).
- 17.* Commission holds technical hearings. (**early June**)
- 18.* After hearings the Commission will reject, modify or approve the utilities' plans. (**early July**)
- 19.* Commission releases the Order. (**early August**)